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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATING SURFACES WITH A PLASMA
GENERATED BY ELECTRON CYCLOTRON
RESONANCE

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with the following amendments and remarks, to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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